



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 3/24/17

### Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lisa Collins of Koinonia Homes visited CSC with a client on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for a tour and to discuss different types of recreational and social activities offered by CSC. Koinonia provides residential services, day programs and employment services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Alicia Howerton discussed CSC's programs and services with them and also visited the Eyedea Shop. Also on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Alicia met and toured the agency with Daniel Osborn, a new case worker from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). Daniel was very impressed by CSC's Employment Department, Call Center and the Eyedea Shop and how the agency is so committed to clients.
- Lindsay Svarovsky spoke at the Philomatheon Society for the Blind's monthly meeting in Canton on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, speaking to approximately 40 individuals with vision loss about Highbrook Lodge and the camp programming available this summer.
- CSC's Employment Team helped coordinate the latest Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County (ECCC) Hiring Event at Market Garden in Ohio City on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Over 150 interviews were conducted by 18 participating businesses, with over 80 job seekers in attendance! Judy Post, Kanden Tolbert and Carlton Toppin attended to support their job seekers. Every employer who submitted a survey wrote they planned to hire an individual from the event. Additionally, every employer also stated they would attend a future ECCC event. WKYC Channel 3 stopped by and featured the Collaborative's hiring event on their evening newscast...[click here](#) to check it out.

- Lisa Cellura presented the “Aging Eye” program to the Benjamin Rose Senior Companion Program on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Companion Program is a group of senior citizen volunteers who go in to help other seniors in their homes.
- Two groups of students in Cleveland State University’s Occupational Therapy Masters Program visited CSC on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students spent their time learning how to recognize visual impairment, toured the agency, participated in PREP activities with Mary Jo Chisnell and Annette Jakse, and heard from Erin St. Denis about CSC’s Occupational Therapy services. A total of 44 students participated in the morning and afternoon sessions.



Annette Jakse instructs a student opening the oven

Mary Jo Chisnell and student set a timer

- Desmond Kennedy visited with the Eye Center of Lakewood and Madison Eye Care this week.
- Lindsay Svarovsky speaks at Amherst Steele High School Friday morning at their LEO Club Convention for identified student leaders. High schoolers heard from a variety of speakers to help them learn about resources in their community.
- Mollie Evans addresses parents at Youth Challenge’s Goalball practice on Friday to tell them about Highbrook Lodge and the sessions offered for kids, tweens and teens.

**What’s Happening at CSC:**

- Students in Bright Futures Preschool spent time talking about leprechauns, shamrocks and gold last week as St. Patrick's Day approached. As part of the activities, students from Cleveland State University's Future Occupational Therapists Club prepared a leprechaun's obstacle course for the children. Thursday afternoon the preschoolers went to look for a pot of gold. Green shamrocks throughout the agency contained directions of where to go and what to do, ultimately leading the children to Ms. Sylvia's office where they found a pot of gold and...good luck! Students were also busy coloring, sensory searching and listening to more stories delivered by Ranger Caitlin from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Preschooler heads down the slide



A view of the obstacle course



Kevin Krencisz checks out the pot of gold with the preschoolers



Students finding shamrocks



Students listen to Ranger Caitlin's story

- CSC's Bright Futures Preschool is currently participating in Read Across America, a reading initiative created by the National Education Association. Guest readers have been visiting students this week for storytime, including Officer Adam from University Circle Police Department. After reading about different kinds of transportation, Officer Adam then answered questions about being a police officer.



Officer Adam reads to students



Officer Adam answers questions

- CSC hosted a Job Fair in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event, coordinated by Carlton Toppin, featured jobs with partner in employment Sodexo, a worldwide leader in quality of life services. Over 100 interested job seekers packed CSC to learn more and interview for the nearly 50 open positions Sodexo is looking to fill.



Carlton Toppin speaks to a full auditorium

- Registration for upcoming summer 2017 camp sessions at Highbrook Lodge is now OPEN! The 2017 schedule with additional information is posted on the Highbrook Lodge pages of CSC's website, [click here](#). Any questions, contact the Camp team at x4596.
- Enrollment for the 2017 – 2018 preschool year has begun. Contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118) with any questions.

## Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Chop and Chop Flexible Cutting Boards

- Shape it, bend it, funnel it! This set of four flexible cutting boards in four different colors is a great addition to any kitchen. They are each designed for meat, veggies, fruit and fish to eliminate cross contamination. Their flexibility makes it convenient to transfer food to a pot or a salad bowl. The colors are vibrant and also show a picture of the food they are for so you don't have to remember which color is for which food. They are also dishwasher safe. At a price of \$9.50 in the Eyedeas Shop, these are easy on the wallet as well!



Chop and Chop flexible cutting boards

- Update to last week's Echo Dot description: the device can also be set up using a computer, not solely a smart phone. But as stated previously, Wi-Fi is needed.
- Can't make it to the Eyedeas Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeasshop.com](http://www.eyedeasshop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- Save the Dates for these CSC events:
  - Annual Meeting: Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Corporate College East
  - White Cane Walk: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cleveland Sight Center
  - Golf Classic: Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Westfield Group Country Club
  - Spellbound: Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Landerhaven
- Bright Futures Preschool needs your help! The Labels for Education program is coming to an end and Preschool needs only 134 more points to total 9000 and earn a \$100 Visa card! Please bring in any Labels for Education UPCs you may have saved – drop off to Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118).



**LabelsForEducation.com**

Labels for Education logo and website

- Tickets are now on sale for “A Night at the Races” benefiting CSC hosted by Delta Gamma Cleveland East, held at CSC on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, sponsor a horse or race, place an ad or make a donation, [click here](#).

## Did You Know?

- The duffel bag gets its name from the town of Duffel, Belgium, where the cloth used in the bags was originally sold.
- The word "PEZ" comes from the German word for peppermint — PfeffErminZ.
- It's a myth that no two snowflakes are exactly the same. In 1988, a scientist found two identical snow crystals. They came from a storm in Wisconsin.
- Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named Sue" was penned by beloved children's author Shel Silverstein.
- On an April day in 1930, the BBC reported "There is no news." Instead they played piano music.